Many of the canyon's place names honor legendary explorers or famous canyon characters, including Powell Butte named after Dutton's colleague, Major John Wesley Powell, the famous one-armed explorer who led the first two river trips through the canyon. Powell's journeys resulted in many place names including Separation Rapid that marked the point where three members of his original expedition, William Dunn, and the brothers Seneca and O.G. Howland, dispirited and convinced the trip was doomed, decided to hike out of the canyon leaving the rest of their party behind. Several books have been published compiling and explaining the colorful names found in the Grand Canyon. You can also learn a lot online. The Grand Canyon (Hopi: Ongtupqa, Yavapai: Wi:ka'Éí, Navajo: BiidÅÃ Éì, HaÉìxéjít, TsÃlíkooh, Spanish: Gran Cañón) is a steep-sided canyon carved by the Colorado River in Arizona, United States. The Grand Canyon is 277 miles (446 km) long, up to 18 miles (29 km) wide and attains a depth of over a mile (6,093 feet or 1,857 meters). The canyon and adjacent rim are contained within Grand Canyon National Park, the Kaibab National Forest, Grand Canyon–Parashant National Monument, the Hualapai Indian Reservation Carving Grand Canyon: Evidence, Theories, and Mystery by Wayne Ranney & How did the campsite you are currently reading this book in shape up over time? What were those mysterious forces of nature that carved the Grand Canyon into the masterpiece it is today? This book delves into a number of intriguing and innovative theories set forth by a number of noted geologists. Gregory McNamee is the author or editor of numerous books, including "Blue Mountains Far Away," "A Desert Bestiary," "The Sierra Club Desert Reader," and "Gila: The Life and Death of an American River." His work appears regularly in such publications as Outside, New Times, and The Bloomsbury Review. McNamee lives in Tucson, Arizona.